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SENATE BILL 1570

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE CRITICAL WATER AREA STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Critical water area study committee: purpose; membership; report

A. The critical water area study committee is established consisting of the following members:

1. The director of the department of water resources or the director's designee.

2. A person with expertise in water who represents a municipality with a population of thirty-five thousand persons or more that is in or near a critical water area and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

3. A person with expertise in water who represents a municipality with a population of less than thirty-five thousand persons that is in or near a critical water area and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

4. A person with expertise in water who represents agricultural interests and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

5. A person who represents a local watershed group formed to conduct water resource studies and evaluate water management options in a critical water area and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

6. A person who represents a county that has a portion of a critical water area in its boundaries and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

7. A person with expertise in water who represents an agency of the federal government with jurisdiction over land that is located in or near the critical water area and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

8. A person who represents a federal military installation that is located in or near the critical water area and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

9. Three members of the senate who are appointed by the president of the senate, one of whom shall be appointed as cochairman. No more than two of these members may represent the same political party.

10. Three members of the house of representatives who are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be appointed as cochairman. No more than two of these members may represent the same political party.

B. The committee shall collect information on and consider the following issues for areas of this state that are outside of active management areas and that are critical water areas of concern as a result of the presence of rapid development or projected rapid development, the significant nature of water level changes in the area, the sensitivity of the area to drought, its proximity to recharge sites or rivers and streams, the existence of riparian and water rights concerns and the presence of endangered species or other environmental concerns:

1 1. The availability of water supplies sufficient to sustain current
2 and projected populations and uses and to sustain the natural resources of
3 the critical water area.

4 2. The ability of local water providers to construct, maintain and
5 sustain water supply systems under current and projected uses.

6 3. The ability of county and local governments to plan for and provide
7 for the needs of existing and future residents of the district.

8 4. The availability of state, federal and local funding to assist in
9 developing, providing and ensuring a sustainable water supply.

10 C. The department of water resources shall provide technical
11 assistance to the committee. The committee shall make a final report of its
12 findings and recommendations to the president of the senate, the speaker of
13 the house of representatives and the governor by December 31, 2008 and shall
14 provide a copy of this report to the director of the Arizona state library,
15 archives and public records.

16 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

17 This act is repealed from and after May 31, 2009.